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Eminem Lets The Characters Play Him: The MTV Quote Of The Day

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"Having worked with him so many times, the thing people don't realize is that he's a fantastic actor. He actually stays in character on set. So when he's Tony Romo, he's Tony Romo the whole time. If he's Bret Michaels, he talks like Bret Michaels. He learned it from ['8 Mile' director] Curtis Hanson. He's a method actor, like Daniel Day Lewis."

-"We Made You" director Joseph Hahn discussing the acting prowess of Marshall Mathers. Hahn, who also directed Eminem's "Without Me" (which won Video of the Year in 2002), said that the rapper wasn't sure he'd be able to pull the concept off simply because he rhymes too fast on the track. Like "Without Me," the video was mostly improvised over two days on the set. "I'm confident in his improvisational ability to come up with a million things on set, which he always does," Kahn told MTV News. Slim Shady is competing for four Moonmen this Sunday at the Video Music Awards (including Video of the Year, Best Male Video, Best Hip-Hop Video and Best Special Effects) and he'll also be appearing on the show. His most intriguing match-up comes in the Best Hip-Hop Video category, where Em will square off against Jay-Z, Flo Rida, Asher Roth and Kanye West.